

DOCTOR THOMAS COIT.

FEBRUARY 29, 1840.

Laid on the table.

Mr. BANKS, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 16th January, 1839, instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Doctor Thomas Coit, for arrears on short pay, as surgeon's mate, while stationed at Fort Trumbull, in New London, Connecticut, report:

That this claim was before the committee at the last session of Congress, but no report or action was had upon the subject; it has been again referred to the committee. It appears from the letter of the Third Auditor, bearing date on the 9th of January, 1838, that the claimant had a settlement of his accounts, and received payment, many years since, for his medical attendance on troops in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain; that the whole of the accounts and evidences connected with the subject were destroyed by fire, in consequence of the burning of the Treasury building; that since that period, the claimant has presented his application for the pay of a surgeon's mate. There are various letters from William Simmons, then in the service of the United States, recognising the accounts presented by the claimant for medical services rendered; they were all regularly paid, so far as any thing appears from the papers filed in this case. The claimant asks 20 cents per ration; he received 13 cents. He states that part of the time he was in service the forage ration was \$8, but he was allowed only \$6; he sets up a claim for a servant, for quarters, &c., as a part of the emoluments attached to the pay of a surgeon's mate. The evidence filed is *ex parte*. The account is made out, in the gross, from the 1st December, 1808, up to the 15th day of November, 1814. For the difference in the price of the ration for the above period of time, the claimant charges

-	-	-	-	-	\$304 50
To pay and rations for a servant three years	-	-	-	-	288 00
To fuel for the same time	-	-	-	-	300 00
To allowance for quarters	-	-	-	-	300 00
To allowance for stationery	-	-	-	-	30 00

Making, in the aggregate - - - - - 1,222 50

The committee are of opinion, from the facts disclosed by the evidence accompanying the resolution directing the inquiry, from the length of time since the services were rendered, and from the destruction of all the records and papers connected with the settlements of the accounts of the claimant, that this claim ought not to be allowed; and they therefore submit the following resolution for the adoption of the House:

Resolved, That the claim ought not to be granted.

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 18th January, 1838, instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of allowing the claim of Doctor Thomas Colt for arrears on short pay as surgeon's mate, while stationed at Fort Trumbull, in New London, Connecticut, report:

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Mr. BARKER, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

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